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1. POL OFFICER AND NETHERLANDS CHARGE TOGETHER DISCUSSED STATUS OF SRI LANKA'S ADHERENCE TO ANTI-HIJACKING CONVENTIONS WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) LEGAL ADVISOR, P.H. KURUKULASOORIYA, ON APRIL 17. OTHER CONTACT GROUP EMBASSIES HERE HAVE NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS.

2. AS KURUKULASOORIYA INDICATED EARLIER TO POL OFFICER (REF-TEL A), DECISION TO ADHERE TO CONVENTIONS HAS BEEN MADE. HOW-EVER, COMPLETING ADHERENCE PROCEDURES HAS BEEN DELAYED BY ADMINISTRATIVE HOLDUPS, MOSTLY THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S HEAVY SCHEDULE OF TRIPS ABROAD. WHEN TOLD THAT AMBASSADOR WRIGGINS HAD MENTIONED ANTI-HIJACKING TREATIES TO MINISTER (REFTEL B), KURUKULASOORIYA SAID HE WOULD USE THAT AS AN EXCUSE TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE MINISTER ON THE MATTER. HE PROMISED TO RE-PORT ON MINISTER'S REACTION WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

3. KURUKULASOORIYA SAID THAT AFTER FOREIGN MINISTER APPROVES, ONLY PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE IS NEEDED TO COMPLETE RATIFICATION AND CONVENTIONS NEED NOT BE SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY.
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